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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
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Re **Notice of Ex Parte Discussion**, In the Matter of Requests for Review of Funding Request Decisions by the Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrator, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21, DA 03-1770; DA 03-2206.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 30, 2003, Chris Caine of International Business Machines Corporation ("IBM") initiated a telephone conversation with Commissioner Adelstein to provide the Commissioner with background information for a meeting with IBM scheduled for October 1, 2003. Mr. Caine and Commissioner Adelstein discussed pending Requests for Review of Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) funding decisions filed by school districts in the above-captioned dockets. Mr. Caine indicated that granting the applications of some of the school districts is appropriate given that the applications are consistent with Commission and SLD rules, as well as other applications that have received SLD funding.

This letter is being filed for inclusion in the above-noted dockets pursuant to Commission Rule 1.1206(b)(2), 47 C.F.R. §1.1206(b)(2). Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

Peter D. Shields
Counsel for International Business Machines Corporation

cc: Commissioner Adelstein

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